

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended:

[0034] FIG. 8 more clearly illustrates that, in general, the impeller vane 60 of the present invention has an outer terminal end 64 defining an outer terminal edge 62 that is convex-like in shape in that the outer edge 62 includes a radially outwardly extending portion 66 that extends beyond the peripheral edge 36 of the shroud 34. Thus, the radius R_v of the outwardly extending portion 66, as measured from the center 32 of the impeller 34 12 to the outermost terminus 68 of the vane 60, is greater than the radius R_s of the shroud 34. As explained more fully below, the shape of the outwardly extending portion 66 of the terminal end 64 may vary, and may be specifically selected to produce the desired flow velocity profile consistent with the pumping requirements of a given application.